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### **TEXAS: FAKE FACEBOOK ILLEGAL**

**VO :18**

A new law that went into effect Thursday means it could be considered illegal to have a phony page. Lawmakers decided last session that making a fake profile page on Myspace or Facebook could cost you. Also, posing online as someone you are not and then sending an email to a victim is a crime. House Bill 1666, which Gov. Perry signed into law, expands the current statutes by making spoofing a state crime on all websites, not just popular social networking sites. Some parents are skeptical of the changes. They feel the law only helps if it's really enforced

### **DANGEROUS FUEL GEL**

**VO :21**

About 2 million units of highly flammable gel fuel used by everyday consumers are being recalled, following dozens of injuries and at least two deaths. The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission announced the recall of pourable gel fuel Sept. 1 in cooperation with nine companies based in various parts of the country. The fuel - used in fire pots and things like personal fireplaces and patio torches - can ignite unexpectedly, splattering people and objects nearby, when it's poured into firepots that are still burning, according to the commission.

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**9/2/11**

## **UNEMPLOYMENT LATEST**

**PABLO SANCHEZ, WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:12**

No jobs were added in the U.S. last month, the government said early Friday. It was the worst employment report in 11 months and renewed fears that another recession could be on the way. The yield on the 10-year Treasury note briefly fell below 2 percent and gold jumped \$48 an ounce as cash flowed into investments seen as less risky than stocks. The lack of hiring in the U.S. last month surprised investors. Economists were expecting 93,000 jobs to be added. Previously reported hiring figures for June and July were revised lower. The average work week declined and hourly earnings fell.

## **9/11 FIREFIGHTERS CANCER**

**VO: 23**

Male firefighters who were exposed to toxic dust and smoke from the 9/11 attacks on New York's World Trade Center have a 19 percent higher risk of getting cancer of all kinds than colleagues who were not exposed, U.S. researchers said on Thursday. The study is the first to look at cancer rates among the all of the exposed firefighters, and the findings may help pave the way for federal health benefits for rescue workers now suffering from cancer nearly a decade after the attacks.

## **DREAM ACT CALIFORNIA**

**LUIS MEGID, SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:07**

The state Assembly voted today to send Gov. Jerry Brown a bill that allows undocumented immigrant college students to receive publicly-funded financial aid. After a lengthy debate, Assembly Bill 131 -- the second part of the controversial

measure known as the California Dream Act -- cleared the lower house on a 45-27 vote. Republicans didn't see it that way. They argued that giving taxpayer-funded scholarships to students who are in the country illegally will encourage more immigrants to come to the state without authorization. They also said it doesn't make sense to subsidize the education of students who aren't allowed to legally work after they graduate.

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## **TERROR ALERT FOR PLANES**

**LUIS MEGID / SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 1:44**

The FBI and Homeland Security officials have issued a nationwide warning about Al Qaeda threats to small planes, just days ahead of the anniversary of the September 11th terrorist attacks. Security has been stepped up across the nation and aviation businesses have been put on alert.

## **OBAMA UNEMPLOYMENT LABOR DAY**

**FERNANDO PIZARRO / WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:11**

President Barack Obama used a boisterous Labor Day rally to put congressional Republicans on the spot, challenging them to place the country's interests above all else and vote to create jobs and put the economy back on a path toward growth.

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**REPUBLICANS DEBATE**

## **LOURDES MELUZA / WASHINGTON D.C**

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Rick Perry is looking to make a strong first impression on the national stage. Mitt Romney is hoping for another flawless debate performance. And Michele Bachmann, perhaps, is shooting for relevance in what increasingly appears to be a two-man GOP presidential race. With the national unemployment rate stuck at 9.1 percent, the economy was likely to dominate Wednesday's debate at the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library. Republicans competing for the chance to challenge President Barack Obama next fall were taking the stage one day before the incumbent Democrat rolls out a jobs-creation plan. It's the first of three Republican presidential debates scheduled over the next three weeks.

## **NYC SECURITY CAMERAS 9/11/11**

### **BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ / NEW YORK**

#### **PKG 2:19**

The so-called "ring of steel" is nearing completion in lower Manhattan. It's a network of security measures intended to counter-terrorism and fight crime. They are the sentinels of our high-tech age, monitoring the comings and goings of millions through a network of cameras across lower Manhattan. It's all coordinated on the 28th floor of a building downtown.

## **MEDICAID FRAUD**

### **VO-SOT-VO :59**

A nationwide law enforcement crackdown has charged 91 people -- including doctors and other medical professionals -- with participating in Medicare fraud schemes involving \$295 million in false billing. Attorney General Eric Holder and Health and Human Services Secretary Kathleen Sebelius said Wednesday that 70 people were charged in indictments unsealed Tuesday and Wednesday and 21 others were charged earlier, beginning Aug. 24. Charges were filed in Baton

Rouge, La.; Brooklyn, N.Y.; Chicago, Dallas, Detroit, Houston; Los Angeles and Miami.

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**9/12/11**

**BARACK OBAMA JOB PLAN IN CONGRESS**

**LOURDES MELUZA - WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG: 2:09**

President Obama's 5-day-old campaign for his \$447 billion jobs package appears to be the most focused and personal of his presidency. When he appeared in the Rose Garden on Monday with dozens of teachers, police, firefighters, construction workers, small-business owners and veterans who could be helped by the measure, his most important prop was in his hand - a copy of the 155-page legislation. Seldom does the White House write its own bills. When he appears in Columbus, Ohio, today to pitch the plan, it will mark the second time in four days he brings the campaign to a swing state that will help decide his political fate next year. The Democratic National Committee will complement the trip with television ads promoting the plan.

**BANK OF AMERICA CUT JOBS**

**VO: 21**

Bank of America Corp., the largest U.S. financial institution by assets, announced Monday a restructuring plan that calls for \$5 billion in annual cost reductions by 2014 and the elimination of 30,000 positions. Project New BAC - the name is

based on the company's stock ticker symbol - aims to make Bank of America "a more focused, leaner, and more efficient company," according to a press release. "The company continues to sell non-core business units and assets that don't support its strategy, thereby strengthening the balance sheet, and improving capital and liquidity," the statement said. BAC said it expects much of the staff reduction to be accomplished through attrition. The Wall Street Journal reported last Friday that BAC was contemplating up to 40,000 layoffs. Project New BAC got under way last week with a management shakeup that saw David Darnell and Tom Montag named as co-chief operating officers of the giant bank, which currently has 288,000 employees. BAC is still trying to resolve the problems associated with the 2008 purchase of mortgage lender Countrywide Financial, a move that saddled the bank with massive losses. In a bid to shore up confidence, BAC reached a deal last month with billionaire investor Warren Buffett, who paid \$5 billion to 50,000 preferred shares in the bank.

## **HISPANIC MAJORITY SENTENCED TO FEDERAL PRISON**

### **LUIS MEGID - SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA**

#### **PKG: 2:05**

Garance Burke of the Associated Press is reporting that more than half of all people sent to federal prison for committing felony crimes so far this year were Hispanic, a major demographic shift swollen by immigration offenses, according to a new government report released Tuesday. Hispanics, who already outnumber all other ethnic groups sentenced to serve time in prison for federal felonies, reached a new milestone for the first time this year, making up the majority all federal felony offenders sentenced in the first nine months of fiscal year 2011, according to the U.S. Sentencing Commission. Hispanics made up 50.3 percent of all people sentenced in that time period, blacks 19.7 percent and whites 26.4 percent. Last year Hispanics made up just 16 percent of the whole U.S. population. The commission's statistics also reveal that sentences for felony immigration crimes -- which include illegal crossing and other crimes, such as alien smuggling - were responsible for most of the increase in the number of Hispanics sent to prison over the last decade. The demographic change in who is being sent to federal prison has already prompted debate among commissioners and experts studying the impact of expedited court hearings along the border. Critics of the



arrests point to what this means for Hispanic families, especially when breadwinners are incarcerated for nonviolent offenses.

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**9/13/11**

## **POVERTY RATE RISES, ESPECIALLY FOR HISPANICS**

**LOURDES MELUZA - WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG: 2:09**

More Americans are living in poverty than ever before - and for Hispanics, the trends are especially bleak. Their poverty rate went up 1.3 percent in 2010, the sharpest annual rise of any group except blacks. More than a quarter of Hispanics - some 13.2 million people - were living below poverty level, more than double the 9.9 percent rate of non-Hispanic whites, according to a new report from the US Census Bureau. The median household income for Hispanics dropped from \$38,667 to \$37,759 - a decrease of 2.3 percent.

## **FARMER WORKERS AND E-VERIFY BILL**

**JAIME GARCIA - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG: 2:17**

Last week, President Obama gave yet another job creation speech that was aimed at protecting one job-his own. Two months after President Obama took office, the number of unemployed Americans eclipsed 13 million for the first time in history. Now, two years after he took office, nearly 14 million Americans are unemployed and another nine million can't find full-time work. President Obama has a right to be concerned about his job. But if President Obama is indeed focused on putting 23 million unemployed or underemployed Americans back to work, there is one element that is missing from his jobs plan: a federal E-Verify requirement. This is

one of the best options available to put unemployed Americans back to work. E-Verify is a web-based program that quickly identifies individuals working illegally in the United States and protects jobs for legal workers by checking the Social Security numbers of new hires. We could open up millions of jobs for unemployed Americans by requiring all U.S. employers to use E-Verify.

## **CANTALOUPE RECALL**

### **VO: 22**

Governor Susana Martinez last month ordered the state to verify that foreign nationals who've obtained a New Mexico driver's license actually live here to avoid fraud. Shortly after 10,000 letters were sent to people to confirm their residency earlier this month, several democratic lawmakers and a civil rights group sued to block the residency checks. In a packed courtroom Tuesday, Santa Fe Judge Sarah Singleton ordered a one-week extension of the temporary restraining order issued August 31st against the crackdown. Singleton told both sides to use that week to reach an agreement on how the state can investigate license fraud. "You have potentially 85,000 people who may be unfairly targeted by this program and the judge has said this is an unconstitutional program," said attorney Vincent Ward, who is representing the plaintiffs in the case. The state claimed the letters mailed out were sent to random homes. But Singleton is questioning that because all the letters went to license holders who never provided the state with their Social Security numbers.

## **DIABETES STRIKE 366 MILLION PEOPLE**

### **VO: 21**

Diabetes has gone global - and the epidemic is getting worse, says a global diabetes authority. A "staggering" 366 million people around the world have either Type 1 or 2 diabetes, says the International Diabetes Federation. The disease has taken a deadly toll, causing 4.6 million deaths each year, or one death every seven seconds. The diabetes epidemic is also heavy on healthcare spending, to the tune of \$465 billion a year to fight the disease. The federation says it's time for global officials to step up and commit more time and research to prevent diabetes. "The clock is ticking for the world's leaders," Jean Claude Mbanya, president of the

federation, said in a written statement "We expect action from their meeting next week at the United Nations that will halt diabetes' relentlessly upwards trajectory." The federation, which represents associations from more than 160 countries, announced the figures in Lisbon, Portugal on Tuesday. It wants officials to outline concrete measures to stop the epidemic. Some experts suggest diabetes treatment should be integrated into local health clinics.

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**9/14/11**

## **OBAMA JOBS NORTH CAROLINA TODAY**

**VO: 22**

President Barack Obama urged enthusiastic college students Wednesday to join him in his fight to get Congress to act on his new jobs bill. "Every single one of you can help make this bill a reality," the president called out at a hot and noisy rally at North Carolina State University. Someone in the crowd yelled out, "I love you!" "If you love me you got to help me pass this bill," the president responded. It was Obama's second campaign-style rally in two days as he pushes for action on his \$450 billion jobs plan. His program is running into a buzz saw of opposition from Republicans - and even some in his own Democratic Party - over his plans to raise taxes on the wealthy and corporations to pay for it. The president was in Ohio Tuesday, and last week in Virginia, as he travels key electoral states to sell the plan with the economy stuck in neutral heading into his 2012 re-election campaign. On Wednesday Obama's focus was small businesses, which would be helped by Social Security payroll tax cuts. Before speaking, he toured WestStar Precision, a small business in the Raleigh suburb of Apex. It makes specialized components for the aerospace, medical and alternative energy industries.

**E-VERIFY CHANGES LATEST**

## **LOURDES MELUZA - WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG: 2:06**

After months on the back burner, the immigration issue returns to the political forefront Thursday when House Republicans take the first steps to require all businesses to verify their employees' work status electronically. The action starts in the House Judiciary Committee, which will begin considering a bill to mandate use of E-Verify, a government-run system that enables businesses to check potential employees' Social Security numbers against a government database. The program is available currently on a voluntary basis. Committee Chairman Lamar Smith, Texas Republican and author of the bill, said he considers it a jobs measure that could help put Americans back to work in tough economic times by weeding out unauthorized employees. The bill has gained the support of businesses, which want a uniform national standard. "This legislation represents a legitimate balancing of many competing interests," the U.S. Chamber of Commerce said in announcing its backing earlier this year.

## **ASIAN TIGER MOSQUITO SPOTTED IN SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA**

**JAIME GARCIA - LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG: 2:02**

The Asian tiger mosquito a rare and dangerous insect native to Southeast Asia, made an appearance in southern California last week, prompting action from local pest controllers and health officials. The mosquito, known for its black body and white stripes, is capable of carrying several virus including dengue fever, West Nile Virus and yellow fever. It is smaller than most mosquitoes and bites during the day, not just at night, and already has a foothold in the U.S. Southeast. While it is unclear how the Asian tiger mosquitoes arrived in Southern California, no one has become sick since spotting the bug in El Monte, Calif. The San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District plans to fog the area where the mosquito was found as early as Friday. District officials are going door-to-door in El Monte to educate the public on how they can assist in fixing the problem. "We'll be making the best effort to eliminate the mosquito," said Kenn Fujioka, assistant manager of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito & Vector Control District. "It's the risk to our public and the uncertainty how it will behave that concerns us."

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**9/15/11**

**E-VERIFY**

**LOURDES MELUZA. WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 1:57**

A House Republican bill that would require businesses to screen for undocumented immigrants is facing a growing bloc of opposition -- even from within the GOP. At a Thursday markup of the bill, which would mandate the use of an electronic screening system called E-Verify, one Republican Judiciary Committee member worried aloud that it would hurt agriculture businesses and drive workers underground. Democrats, who by and large oppose the bill, have been airing the same complaints for months, and are now forming an unlikely coalition with conservatives and Tea Partiers who oppose parts of the bill.

**CHIEF VENEGAS RESIGNS FROM SECURE COMMUNITIES TASK FORCE**

**LUIS MEGID. SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA**

**PKG 2:13**

This afternoon the federally appointed Task Force on Secure Communities submits its report to the Homeland Security Advisory Council with recommendations to improve the Secure Communities program. After weeks of hearing expert testimony and participating in deliberations and drafting of recommendations, Task Force Member, Arturo Venegas, retired Police Chief of Sacramento and Director of the Law Enforcement Engagement Initiative, was unable to endorse the final report and, in the following letter, submitted his resignation from the Task Force

## **HATE CRIME**

**BLANCA ROSA VILCHEZ. NEW YORK**

**PKG 2:02**

The U.S. Justice Department has called on Suffolk County police to strengthen efforts to combat hate crimes, faulting procedures and pointing to warning signs that preceded the 2008 killing in Patchogue of immigrant Marcelo Lucero. In a letter to County Executive Steve Levy released Wednesday, the department said "we strongly urge" the county to adopt its recommendations, which include a revamp of practices that have hurt relations with Hispanics and a better system for investigating misconduct complaints against police. The letter, offering assistance to Suffolk police, came more than two years after the launch of a federal probe into the county's handling of hate crimes against Latinos, as well as community complaints in the aftermath of the Lucero killing of bias in policing.

## **OBAMA JOBS**

**PABLO SANCHEZ. WASHINGTON, DC**

**PKG 2:00**

President Barack Obama made the case for his re-election and his jobs plan at two big-ticket fundraisers Thursday, emphasizing the importance of higher taxes to pay for his \$447 billion proposal. "We can pay for it in a way that is responsible and that has everybody sharing in the burden," Obama told the guests attending the first of two intimate \$35,800-per-couple Democratic events.

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